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SUBJ: JDL: INCENDIARY BOMBING OF HUROK CONCERTS AND COLUMBIA ARTISTS

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30AM, JAN 26, NEW YORK POLICE ADVISED THAT DEVICES OF AN APPARENTLY INCENDIARY NATURE WERE IGNITED ON 20TH FLOOR OF HUROK CONCERTS, INC., 1370 AVENUE OF AMERICAS, AND IN GROUND FLOOR OF COLUMBIA ARTISTS AMNAGEMENT, INC., 165 WEST 57 ST, NEW YORK CITY. (BOTH HUROK CONCERTS AND COLUMBIA ARTISTS HAVE IN PAST ARRANGED FOR TOURS OF US BY SOV CULTURAL GROUPS.)

2. POLICE ADVISED THAT PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MAJOR DAMAGE OCCURRED AT HUROK CONCERTS INCLUDING ONE DEATH. (IRIS KONES, 27, SECRETARY TO HUROK, DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL.) DAMAGE TO COLUMBIA ARTISTS OF LESS SEVERITY WITH NO REPORTED INJURIES.

3. POLICE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHORTLY AFTER IGNITION OF DEVICES AT ABOVE TWO LOCATIONS AP AND NBC RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS WHO STATED THAT OFFICES OF HUROK CONCERTS AND COLUMBIA ARTISTS HAD BEEN BOMBER BECAUSE THEY WERE

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BRINGING SOV ARTISTS TO US AND THIS COULD NEVER BE DONE! OVER GODIES OF SOV JEWRY. CALLER OR CALLERS TERMINATED CONVERSATION BY STATING "NEVER AGAIN."

4. AT 9:20AM, TWO WELL-DRESSED MAN ENTERED RECEPTION AREA (GROUND FLOOR) OF COLUMBIA ARTISTS WHERE THEY LEFT INCENDIARY DEVICE WHICH IGNITED AND FILLED OFFICE WITH THICK BLACK SMOKE. AT APPROXIMATELY 9:40 AM, SIMILAR INCENDIARY DEVICES WERE LEFT ON 20TH FLOOR OF HUOK CONCERTS.

5. AT COLUMBIA ARTISTS, INDIVIDUALS STATED THEY HAD "APPOINTMENT" WITH RUSS SIMMONS (RUSS SIMMONS COMMUNITY CONCERTS, A SUBSIDIARY OF COLUMBIA ARTISTS), WHILE AT HUOK CONCERTS INDIVIDUALS ASKED FOR TICKETS TO PERFORMANCE OF UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS. ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE AT HUOK CONCERTS, ENTIRE AREA WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES.

6. THREE PERSONS WERE ADMITTED TO INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OF POLYCLINIC HOSPITAL, 345, WEST 50TH ST: LARRY GOOSEN, ARLENE WEISS, AND VIRGINIA PROODIAN. ONE CHARLES HELM ADMITTED TO WARD, AND SOLI HIROKI TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND RELEASED. FIVE PERSONS ADMITTED TO ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL, 428, WEST 49TH ST: MYRA ARMSTRONG, MICHAEL MENZIES, TERRY WHELAN, KEITH BURNS, NATHAN TAYLOR. TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE TREATED AND RELEASED AT ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL: DANIEL SCOTLO AND SGT. WILLIAM PRYOR (NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICER).

7. COMMENT: POLICE SUSPECT JDL INVOLVED BUT HAVE NO POSITIVE PROOF AT PRESENT.
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